

first, then the lower note, G sharp, came after. The volume was light, and the song seemed feeble, considering the size of the singer. During the past winter, I have seen a greater number of winter visitors than ever before. Red Crossbills and Siskins were abundant during the fall, while Redpolls, Pine Grosbeaks and White-winged Crossbills were common during the winter. To these I must add, for this immediate vicinity, a flock of ten Cedarbirds which wintered here and still remain, feeding on juniper berries, which are plentiful.

NED DEARBORN, *Durham, N. H.*

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### EDITORIAL.

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We are pleased to notice that *The Maine Sportsman* is awakening interest in bird protection among its readers by vigorous editorials upon that subject. As a magazine in the interest of Maine sportsmen, or any sportsmen who desire genuine sport, it is invaluable. Its high standard of excellence is constantly maintained.

In another place there is a call for notes on migration which it is very important that every reader of this paper should heed and comply with. The time covered by this call has never been carefully worked over for any considerable space of country, but it is the time above all others which is worthy of careful attention. Address all letters to Oberlin, Ohio, as heretofore.

It has been necessary to cut this issue down to twenty-four pages instead of twenty-eight, as first planned, due largely to the increase in the number of pages of the two preceding numbers—30 and 31. The time which would normally have been given to the solicitation of copy was largely demanded by the increase of work which fell to the editor's lot on account of sickness in the teaching force of his department.

*Bird-Lore* continues to sustain its high standard, under the editorship of Mr. Frank M. Chapman, as a magazine which not only champions the cause of the birds from a logical and proper view point, but also continues to encourage the use of the camera in the study of the birds by concretely illustrating

what the camera can accomplish. Every effort of the magazine is bent toward educating its readers into a proper appreciation of the birds.

The editor expects to spend July and August in the mountains of central Washington with Rev. W. L. Dawson, in search of rest, recreation and birds. He hopes that many of the mountain birds will condescend to have their pictures taken so that others may share in the pleasures of the outing. During this absence the business of the BULLETIN will be taken care of by Mrs. Editor, from Oberlin as heretofore. All communications will receive prompt attention.

The two preceding "Special" BULLETINS have crowded out the department of Publications Received, causing a considerable accumulation which it has seemed worth while to give fully in this number. Attention is especially called to Mr. Frank M. Chapman's *Bird Studies with a Camera* as a book which should be in the hands of every one who essays to photograph birds. The book is a picture gallery of birds as they are seen in the full enjoyment of life and liberty.

We are in receipt of the speech of Hon. John F. Lacey of Iowa, in the House of Representatives upon the bill to "prohibit the transportation by interstate commerce of game killed in violation of local laws, and for other purposes." The bill applies to all birds as well as to game. This speech is a masterly defence of the birds from the standpoint of a statesman who knows what he is talking about. Surely the signs are multiplying which indicate a widespread and wholesome interest in bird life. Let the good work go on to the saving of our best friends while yet there is time.

The magazine *Birds* which was the first magazine to introduce the process of color photography into nature study publications, later changing its name to *Birds and All Nature* when other subjects than birds were introduced, now changes its name to more appropriately designate its contents to *Nature and Art*. This does not involve a change of plan in the make-up of the magazine, but we notice that the range of subjects is somewhat broadened and the publishers have secured the services of a number of men as contributors who are well

informed upon the subjects of which they write, rather than trusting to scattered contributions from all sources. This magazine fills a distinct want in the popular literature of the times, and is doing a good work in the education of the people to the proper appreciation of "All Nature."

A most encouraging sign of the deep interest that is being manifested in birds by all classes of people is the demand for courses of Ornithology in colleges and universities. There are at hand circulars announcing a summer school of Ornithology at Princeton, New Jersey, to be conducted by Mr. W. E. D. Scott, Curator of the Department of Ornithology in Princeton University; and "Bird Study at Wood's Holl Marine Biological Laboratory," under the direction of Dr. Thomas H. Montgomery, Jr., assisted by Drs. Whitman and Herrick and Messrs. Stone, Dearborn and Chapman. These courses will not be such as to require the sacrifice of life of any bird but will be directed toward the study of the living bird in its natural environment in the enjoyment of full liberty. We rejoice in the movement for supplying a real want on the part of these great universities.

It has been impossible to fulfil the promise made last November to issue the BULLETINS for 1900 on time. The editor has fretted over this at least as much as anyone, but he has been powerless to avoid it. But he feels a certain satisfaction in at last seeing in print the results of years of earnest work. The compilation of these reports was completed more than a month before they were due to appear, but from their nature the proof was slow in passing thru our hands. In spite of the most careful scrutiny there must be some typographical errors or some omissions which nothing but an errata page can reach. Accompanying this number will be found slips to be inserted in No. 30 on the pages indicated in the index. We confidently expect (that is, as confidently as our broken promises will permit) that the October number will be mailed in October. At this distance it begins to appear that the title of the October number will have to be changed on account of a lack of material out of which to make a report on Migration, but we can promise something worth reading at any rate.